THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 29th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have placed 31 questions to-day. Tomorrow and the day after also I will place 30 questions each. So far, I have received 2,013 questions and every day I am receiving answers for about 30 questions from the Government; so, I will place 30 questions every day and I will allow very few supplementary questions."

Representations made to the Central Government re. the Ordinance to control dealings in foodgrains.

* 273 Q.—JANAB K. M. SEETHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have made any representations to the Central Government pointing out the adverse effect of the latest ordinance of the President of India to control dealings in foodgrains on the relief afforded to the people of this State by the recent decontrol of foodgrains; and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take to avoid the possible cornering of the foodgrains as a result of the operation of the said ordinance?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) & (b) The entire question is now under the active consideration of this Government in consultation with the Union Food Minister and an announcement of their decision will be made shortly."

Licence for grain dealers.

* 274 Q.—SRI R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the order of the Government of India that all grain dealers should possess a licence is going to be put into force immediately; and

(b) whether the Government will take the opinion of this House into consideration before this order is put into force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) & (b) The question is under the active consideration of this Government and an announcement of their decision will be made shortly. The Government do not consider it necessary to consult this House in the matter at this stage."